Accident Victim Dies

TONOPAH, Nev. (AP) — Mrs Doris Brown, 64, of Vancouver died Friday of injuries suffered in a car accident Saturday.

Her husband, Lee Roy Brown, 69, and their 33-year-old son Charles escaped injury when their car overturned.

The Boss From Hawaii

by "Kahanamoko" Humber

Monday 16, 1959

Dear Bruce,

I'm writing this out on our lanai (that's a Polynesian patio) & the birds are singing & the palm trees are gently swaying in the breeze. I dunno what kind of birds they are, but they sound a little cuckoo to me. We went over to visit the "Hollands" (Norm & his wife) and he just had to reach up & pick his own bananas . . . did you know bananas grow up . . . they don't hang down like I thot . . . & they're green. Gosh . . . that's hot on my back . . . I gotta move inside. Yesterday I stood on a weighing machine & nearly burnt the soles off my bare feet. I wanted to see if all that English food I ate on the ship put on more pounds . . . as yesterday the G.F. took a look at my middle & sed "Let's face it . . . you don't look like that beach boy there." I figger I'm doing as well as can be expected, 'tho I don't feel that any of these dark skinned

dolls are lowering their lids for me. But you should get a load of some of these old boys who have been used to the high life, they don't look so hot either . . . anyhoo I'll slim down as soon as I get on one of these surf boards . . . I've bin trying to figure out how I could take my movie camera way out there & get a picture as I come gliding in . . . high on the crest . . . Stanley our beach boy says—"no one ever tries that, unless they don't give a darn about their camera." I bot some swimming shorts & Aloha shirt to match . . . a little conservative in brown, with a blow fish design. Then we went down on the beach & we looked painfully new.

We had our pictures taken under the palms of the Halekulani, and the Hotel hostess wanted to know where Ed. got her cute shoes . . . (white with Aunt Jemima bows) & a million other dames have asked the same thing . . . Ha . . . she got 'em in Victoria in our own home town . . . we're not so slow eh?? We had dinner at the "Jolly Roger" last nite . . . roast beef as thick as a steak . . . then we watched a water ballet at The Princess Kaiulani Hotel . . . W-H-A-T a place . . . more like a Cecil DeMille set . . . the whole world seems to be out here.

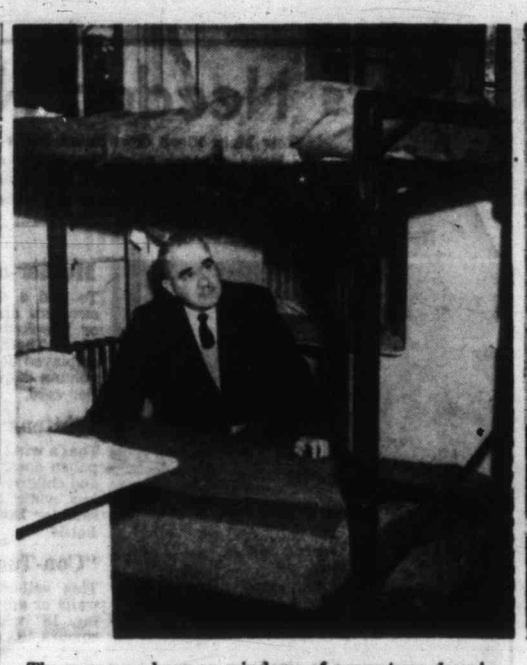
I could write a whole book about our trip over, "Edwards" our cabin steward, wouldn't bend an inch, about all I could get out of him . . . "Certainly Sir . . . as you wish Sir . . . & just leave your shoes outside your door Sir . . . Thank you Sir" . . . Our dining room steward was from Yorkshire . . . three strands of hair over the top of his head, but with a delightfully dry sense of humor. He just couldn't stop laughing & told all the other passengers that Mr. Humber says I could come to Canada & open a coffee shop & that I'd just need a pound of Dickson's Coffee & 4 pounds 11 shillings & 6 pence." He kept saving to Eddie . . . "won't Madam try the chutney to-day??" But I'm afraid he'll always stay the perfect steward.

You'd better watch it . . . there's a fellow out here peddling 2 Hollywood bed outfits (mit 12 legs) for only $88.00 the same as you are. I could sure fix up a lot of their advertising & they're great for Philippine mahogany . . . competition seems just as terrific . . . going into town to-day, so I'll find out. Hope all is well with everyone . . . tell Peg I'm writing her next . . . I wish these silly birds would get off my saucer & fly up on that coconut up there.

Aloha,

THE PRES.

HUMBER'S



There are no bars on windows of army-type dormitories of advanced "minimum-security" prison at William Head, a B.C. Penitentiary satellite, designed for rehabilitation of specially-screened prisoners. Chief supervisor John Grant shows bunk beds to visitors.—(Colonist photo)

Presiding at steam table in immaculate inmates' kitchen of William Head "minimum-security" prison is staff-member Jesse McMullen, 31, chief steward. Ex-Navy petty officer and cook, Mr. McMullen oversees both staff and inmates' kitchens, which serve same first-class fare.—(Colonist photo)

Fishing is welcome recreation for 70 inmates at B.C. Penitentiary branch at William Head, which is conveniently surrounded by water. Fishing, for cod, mainly, is confined to shore, of course. Holding one of many "jig-poles" made by prisoners is guard Pat Pattenaude, 38, who says "this place is way better than the 'Pen'."—(Colonist photo)

Prisoners Whistle While They Work

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Even the Fence Only a Symbol

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By BRUD DELANY

The new satellite penitentiary at William Head is a happy prison—that is if the word "happy" can be used in connection with any prison.

It's like no other federal penal institution in Canada. In fact, it's the only prison in the national system that is without iron bars, stone walls, armed guards or machine-guns.

But it's more than that, a visitor soon discovers.

CHEERFUL

The 70 inmates—100 by the end of the month—are cheerful; they greet visitors with a smile; they whistle while they work.

"And why not?" asks Chief Supervisor John Grant, 58, a friendly Aberdonian with 25 years' service in Canada's penitentiary service.

"This establishment is such a wonderful change from the B.C. Penitentiary at New Westminster where these men came from," he said.

MORE FOR SURE

Mr. Grant, who is "boss" of the 85-acre prison at the old Quarantine Station 20 miles from Victoria, feels there are sure to be more "open" prisons in Canada's future.

"A minimum-security" prison like this restores to these men a sense of their own manhood," he said. "And helps prepare those with shorter terms for the outside world."

Unfortunately, said Mr. Grant, "there will always be a need for maximum-security prisons for a certain breed of men.

"But for the specially-screened, trustworthy prisoners such as we have here, open prisons are the answer."

They are also the answer, he said, to the overcrowding at old-fashioned-type prisons, "where a man is kept all alone like a hermit."

"It's wrong thinking to say you're rehabilitating men when they're kept that way."

ASK YOURSELF

What do the men think of the new setup, the chief supervisor was asked.

"Ask them yourselves," the visitors were told. "And I won't stand around to affect their answers, either," he said, walking away.

The various men questioned were unanmious in their uncensored praise of the revolutionary prison.

IT'S SWELL

"It's swell here," said one inmate of about 20, with half his six-year term still to serve.

"There aren't any bars on the window, you'll notice," he said, pointing to the unbarred windows of one of the four dormitories, which with their double bunks, resemble army barrackrooms.

"What's more," said the youth, who was clad like the others in light brown denim pants, jacket and cap, "you can walk around and work without a guard standing over you."

EVERYONE BUSY

This last was apparent everywhere over the 85 acres, where the inmates were busily landscaping and gardening, singly and in groups — mostly unsupervised.

"We trust these men," said Mr. Grant. "That's why we give them freedom of movement.

"And how proud they are to be trusted."

He said perhaps the biggest deterrent to escape bids was the men's knowledge that they would be clapped right back into the main prison.

Indicating the 15-foot, barbed wire fence which separates the prison acreage still being used by the Quarantine people, he said:

ONLY A SYMBOL

"Even the fence is only a symbol."

Another prisoner, volunteering information while the chief superviser was nowhere around, said the "food's way better here than at the big place.

"And it sure makes a difference having the radio hookup and being able to watch TV."

The inmates have installed radio outlets with headsets for each bunk in the 22-bed dormitories. Television—with nine channels — is available every night and Sunday afternoons and evening in the smallish assembly room.

TAKE TV TURNS

Weekdays and Sundays the television set is turned off at 10 p.m.

"But on Saturday nights," said one of the inmates, "we can watch the late show, with each dorm having its turn at picking it."

At the New Westminster penitentiary, the prisoners are allowed to watch TV only once or twice a year—such as the Grey Cup game.

There's no visual censorship for the William Head inmates, either, said Mr. Grant.

READ PAPERS

"We let them watch what they want to—after all, they read the newspapers every day."

Are crime programs the most popular, by any chance, the chief superviser was asked.

"Definitely not," he said. "The most popular programs are those which demonstrate a warm pattern of home life —'Lassie' is perhaps the best liked of all."

Another prisoner, also out of Mr. Grant's hearing, mentioned that "we work a lot harder here than at the 'Pen'."

LIKE IT

"But we like it this way," he added, "because there wasn't enough to do over at the other place."

Mr. Grant confirmed the inmate's views.

"There just isn't enough to keep the 700 prisoners busy over there," he said. "Here the men work an eight-hour day and they work well and happily without supervision."

Since Jan. 9 when the first officials and prisoners arrived at William Head, the grounds and old Quarantine buildings have been getting a working-over.

SOUND BUILDINGS

"These are good sound buildings," said Mr. Grant "and we won't have to build any new ones.

One of the brick, slate-roofed buildings, now being converted to a general workshop, once housed 1,200 Chinese immigrants at a time. They were jammed in two to a bed, heads facing the opposite way, and three beds per tier.

The inmates, lifers and short-termers alike, and mostly young men, were chosen for their trade skills and have done all the extensive work themselves.

JOHN GRANT
". . . wonderful change"

The chief supervisor said there has yet to be a disciplinary problem and no serious illness or injuries.

Among the minor bruises and cuts entered in the case book of the two-bed sick bay was one that read:

Disease—Fell in ocean. Prescription—Hot bath."

The men have plenty of softball games and fishing —mostly for rock cod—with their home-made "jig-poles." Fishing is confined to the shore.

FOUR RIGHTS

Prisoners have only four rights," said Mr. Grant—food, shelter, clothing and a private cell.

"All the rest are privileges."

"Of course it's somewhat different here," he added. This is a brand-new setup in the federal prison system and we're given a fair amount of leeway."

An example of this is visiting privileges—once a month for a half-hour, the rules say.

"But I wouldn't hesitate to change this if, say, a mother came down unexpectedly from Trail, or somewhere."

The chief supervisor stressed that "this establishment violates all the old rigid rules.

"And I think that's a good thing," he added. "men are sent to prison AS punishment, not FOR punishment."

Some fishermen claim choicest fishing area is now out of bounds now that they are not allowed near open prison site.

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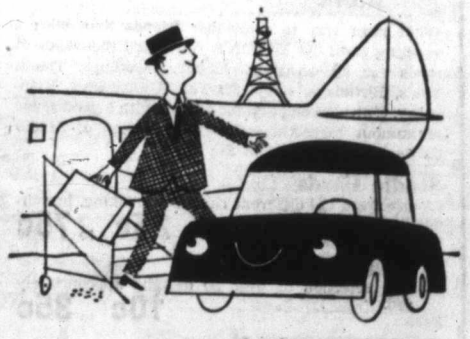

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